

BEECHWOOD
Worton, Maryland
(20th)

The Tuley House is included on the survey because it illustrates contemporary design; as such it represents one more step in the development of housing and house-types in Kent County. Designed by James S. Tuley, A.I.A., a brother of the owner, the building is sited to preserve the natural terrain and take advantage of a view of Still Pond Creek. The building is composed of interlocking sheds, covered with resawn cedar siding stained weathered grey. Most windows, including a long clerestory over the living and dining rooms, are wide sheets of glass.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Beechwood

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Northwest side Coopers Lane, 1½ miles from end

CITY, TOWN

Worton

☒ VICINITY OF

1st

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Tuley

Telephone #: 301-778-4368

STREET & NUMBER

Beechwood, Coopers Lane

CITY, TOWN

Worton

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21678

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 21

Folio #: 830

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

K-438

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tuley House is located on the northwest side of Coopers Lane. The building is reached via a curving lane which circles around the low rolling hill sides which border Still Pond Creek. The building itself is sited on the edge of a point of land, facing northwest. The hillside drops off on three sides of the house and the ravines are left in natural woodlands. On the water side of the house the building is two stories in height, but on the land or entrance side it is only one story tall.

The house is made up of interlocking shed roofs. On the entrance side the sheds project above the front roof slopes, forming clerestory windows. Entry into the building is near its center into a recessed doorway between two sheds; the left one contains the master bedroom and the right, the kitchen.

A massive chimney stack on axis with the main entry divides the living room on the left from the dining room on the right. Except for service and private rooms, openings between rooms are wide, allowing spaces to flow into one another. Interior ceilings follow the roof slope. The clerestory lights the living and dining rooms, giving them a 1½ story height.

On the ground floor is a recreation room, bedrooms, and service spaces. The house is designed so that a two bedroom apartment with separate entrances can be installed on the first floor, without structural or mechanical changes.

Because the ground slopes steeply at the rear of the lot, there are full-length windows on the northwest elevations of both floors facing the water view. Windows are of a variety of sizes but are situated so that all major rooms have a view towards the Creek. Doorways to the exterior rear deck (off the kitchen and dining room) are located in the side walls and have triangular transoms which reflect the roof/ceiling pitch. Exterior trim is stack brick mold and interior trim is painted clam-shell

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1968	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Builder/Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Tuley, Jr. Architect/James Tuley, A.I.A.
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tuley House is included in the survey because it is one of the few houses in the county that illustrates contemporary design ideas. As such it is one step in the development of houses and house-types represented by this survey.

The building was designed by James S. Tuley, A.I.A., a brother of Charles Tuley and a professor of architecture at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Mr. Tuley was educated at the University of North Carolina where he received a Fulbright scholarship to study in India. He worked in Berkeley, California and Chicago before moving to Virginia. His design aesthetic is influenced by the thinking of California designers in the 1960's and 1970's and is concerned with siting of buildings to preserve and take advantage of the natural terrain, the use of simple, easily maintained materials, generous use of glass, and well-proportioned, flowing interior spaces.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Original working drawings and specifications.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

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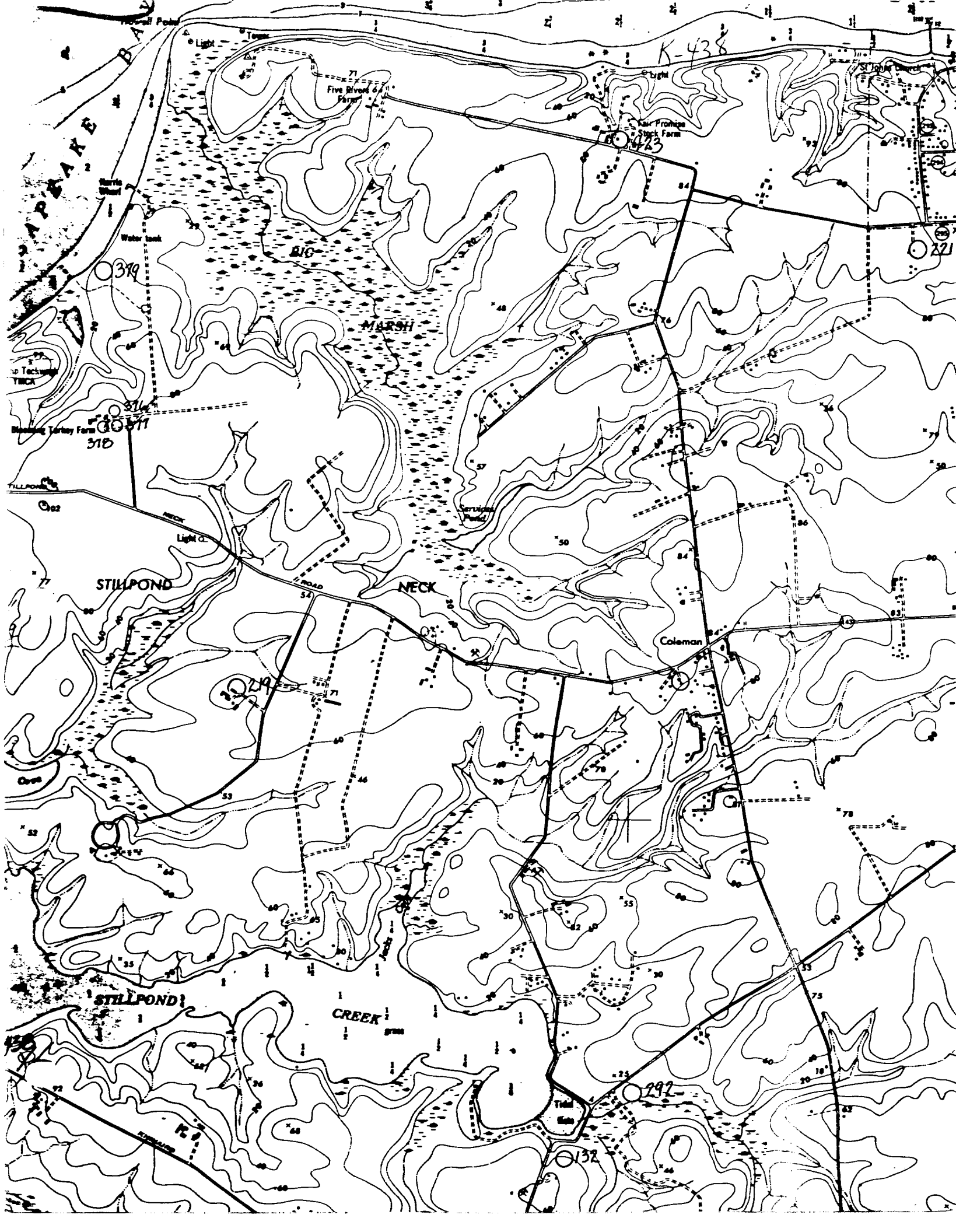
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molding or natural redwood.

Interior walls are surfaced with wall board; floors in public rooms are wood. The interior fireplace and chimney stack is brick with raked mortar joints. Floors are oak in the formal rooms and resilient tile, carpet, or wood tile elsewhere.

The exterior of the wood frame house is resawn cedar stained weathered gray. The roof is brown asphalt shingles.





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Beechwood

View to Northeast

Worton

Kent County

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